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Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and recalling its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference,

Reaffirming also the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States ("Mauritius Strategy for Implementation"),[4] adopted by the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on 14 January 2005,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

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Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[5]

Reaffirming the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[6] particularly chapter 7,

Recalling its resolution 64/199 of 21 December 2009 and all its previous resolutions on the item,

Recalling also the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome,[7]

Reaffirming that the adverse effects of climate change and sea-level rise present significant risks to the sustainable development of small island developing States, that the effects of climate change continue to pose a threat to the very existence of some of them and that, given their vulnerability, adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change and sea-level rise therefore remains a major priority for small island developing States,

Acknowledging the need to promote the development of regional and national capacities for disaster prevention, including through early warning systems, as well as reconstruction and rehabilitation of areas affected by natural disasters,

Recognizing the urgent need to increase the level of resources provided to small island developing States for the effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

Recalling that the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States have been acknowledged by the international community since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in 1994, the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, and the Mauritius International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in 2005,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy,[8]

Acknowledging the unique relation of small island developing States to the oceans and the need for sustainable development and management of their ocean and marine resources to realize their development aspirations and increase their share of economic benefits from their ocean and marine resources,

1. *Urges* the full and effective implementation of the outcome document[5] adopted on 25 September 2010 at the High-level Review Meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further

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[5] See resolution 65/2.

[6] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[7] See resolution 65/1.

[8] A/65/115.

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the outcome document to all relevant specialized agencies, funds, programmes, and regional commissions of the United Nations system;

3. *Urges* Governments and all relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and regional commissions, international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and major groups, to take timely action for the effective implementation of and follow-up to the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,[4] including the further development and operationalization of concrete projects and programmes;

4. *Invites* the United Nations funds and programmes to mainstream and integrate the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[2] and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation into their respective processes for small island developing States in order to promote coherence and coordination in support of their implementation;

5. *Recognizes* the continuing challenges faced in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, while noting the importance of paragraphs 87, 88, and 101 of the Mauritius Strategy and taking into account cross-cutting implementation issues;

6. *Calls upon* the international community to enhance support for the efforts of small island developing States to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, including through the provision of dedicated sources of financing, capacity-building and the transfer of appropriate technologies to address climate change;

7. *Encourages* regular and close consultation with small island developing States in the planning and implementation of follow-up activities;

8. *Reaffirms* that the Commission on Sustainable Development is the primary intergovernmental forum for monitoring the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, and further reaffirms that other relevant organs, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system also continue to have an important role within their respective areas and mandates;

9. *Calls upon* all relevant regional and intergovernmental organizations to enhance cooperation, coherence and coordination through the Inter-agency Consultative Group on Small Island Developing States in strengthening support to small island developing States in further advancing the Mauritius Strategy, including paragraph 18 of the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Mauritius Strategy;[5]

10. *Underscores* the importance of providing the Small Island Developing States Unit with adequate, stable and predictable funding and staffing to facilitate the full and effective implementation of its mandates in accordance with the priority accorded to the Unit and in view of the demand for its services, in particular with respect to the provision of assistance, technical cooperation services and support to small island developing States;

11. *Requests* that the trust fund established to support the preparatory processes for the Mauritius Conference in 2005 and the High-level Review Meeting of the General Assembly in September 2010, be replenished and applied to supporting follow-up activities, as well as supporting the participation of small island developing States in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 (Rio+20) and calls upon donor countries to make further voluntary contributions, in this regard;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of North-South cooperation, complemented by South-South cooperation, cooperation among small island developing States and triangular cooperation in order to promote development programmes for small island developing States for the effective implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly, at the start of its sixty-sixth session, on the follow-up to and the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, taking into account paragraph 32 of the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy,[5] and, in its preparation, to consult with Member States and relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as all relevant national, regional and subregional organizations;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General in his report requested in paragraph 33 of the outcome document[5] to include the question of developing concrete time-bound objectives and commitments to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation and refocusing efforts towards a results-oriented approach, and to consider what improved and additional measures might be added to more effectively address the unique and particular vulnerabilities and development needs of small island developing States;

15. *Invites* relevant competent international, regional, and subregional organizations, and the United Nations system, to support marine scientific research and capacity-building in small island developing States in accordance with relevant United Nations development programmes and strategies;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".